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SUBJ: ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING FEB 7: EXPORT CREDITS

REF: A) STATE 015379; B) USNATO A-169, 11/26/73

1. ECONADS ON FEB. 7 GAVE FINAL APPROVAL TO REPORT TO COUNCIL
ON EXPORT CREDITS EXTENDED TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN 1972
(AC/127-WP/371), WHICH WAS POSTPONED FROM JANUARY 24 MEETING
(REF A). SOME DELEGATIONS COMMENTED ON FACT THAT REPORT ON
1972 WAS GOING TO COUNCIL SO LATE. ACTING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
POINTED OUT SOME COUNTRIES WERE LATE IN SUBMITTING THEIR
STATISTICS. HE ASKED THAT COMMITTEE THINK ABOUT DECLASSIFYING
THIS REPORT, SO GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES IN MEMBER STATES WOULD FIND
IT EASIER TO USE. BELGIUM WAS IN FAVOR OF DECLASSIFICATION.
HOWEVER, FRENCH REP'S INITIAL REACTION WAS NEGATIVE. HE THOUGHT
SOME GOVERNMENTS CONSIDERED THE STATISTICS THEY SUBMIT ON EXPORT
CREDITS AS SENSITIVE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S
ESTIMATE ON WHEN WE SHALL RECEIVE REPORT ON US EXPORT CREDITS
EXTENDED TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES FOR JANUARY-JUNE 1973 (REF B).
US AND OTHER NATO COUNTRIES AGREED IN 1971 (AC/127-D/331, 2/2/71)
TO SUBMIT REPORTS ON HALF-YEAR BASIS WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF END
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OF REPORTING PERIOD. US REPORT FOR FIRST HALF OF 1973 WAS THUS
DUE ON OCTOBER 1, 1973. US AND FRANCE ARE ONLY COUNTRIES NOT
YET RESPONDING. WE ALSO REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON CHAIRMAN'S
SUGGESTION FOR DECLASSIFICATION OF AC/127-WP/371 IN TIME FOR

FEBRUARY 14 ECONADS MEETING.

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